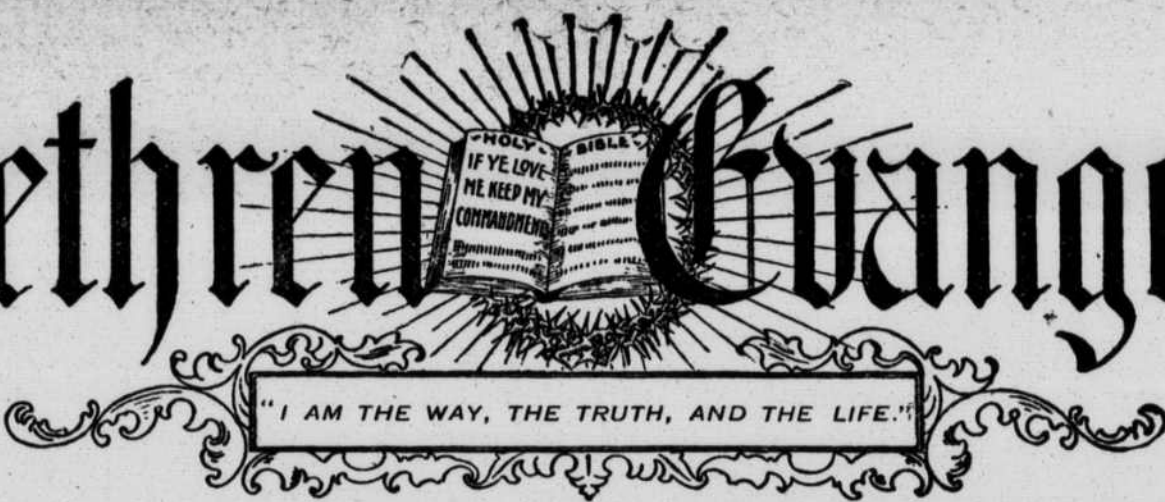


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LET us keep going toward the 3000.

THE third term of Ashland University opened on Wednesday, April 1.

NEXT week will appear the first of a series of articles on Seventh dayism, by brother J. D. McFaden.

ALL the numbers of *Cheering Words* and *Our Little Folks* for the month of April have been mailed.

IF there are any schools in the brotherhood not using our literature, please send for sample copies of our quarterlies and papers. Sent free.

IN the issue of March 25, there appeared an article from New Market, Va., in which the author was made to say, "My ability as a pastor," instead of, "My ability as a writer."

The *Christian Standard* organ of the Disciple or Campbellite church, announces that I. M. Gibson, of German Baptist fame, has become a member of that church. Brother Gibson was known among "Dunkards," as an able debater, one who challenged the champion in the Disciple church on points of doctrine. This doctrine which he once so ably defended, he now renounces and accepts that which he once tried to destroy.

IN this issue will be found a series of articles on "The Church and the New Convert," which will be found valuable to both pastor and people. We regret that one of the articles did not reach us in time for this issue.

OUR books show that there is almost \$1500 due this office. Now shall we spend \$25.00 in labor and postage, to send out bills or will pastors and agents make an effort to collect subscriptions and save us this expense? A dollar saved here, means a dollar for the Brethren church, not for any one individual.

EVERY member of the church should have a copy of our quarterly. It will be sent for two 2 cent stamps, or if you will send us ten cents in stamps or silver, we will mail you one copy Brethren Quarterly, one copy Youth's Quarterly, the four numbers of *Cheering Words* and of *Our Little Folks*, for the month of April. If you are not satisfied with your investment, we will return you the dime and let you keep the papers and quarterlies.

EVERY one has heard of that peculiar disease, known as *Sunday sickness*. The following description of this disease is going the rounds of the papers, and as an *exchange* suggests, it is too good to be lost:

(1) It only attacks members of the church. (2) It never troubles them any day but Sunday. (3) The symptoms vary, but the patient can always sleep well the night before, and can always eat a hearty Sunday dinner shortly after an acute attack. (4) No case was ever known where the sick man was not able to be at his business early Monday. (5) It is generally the head of the family that is attacked. (6) When the ladies are affected there will generally be found a complication with the dressmaker who failed, to send the new garment Saturday, or with a perfect fright of a bonnet. (7) In this disease no physician is summoned. (8) It never hurts the body, but it slays the soul.

THE Virginia and Maryland Convention of the Brethren church will be held at Hagerstown, beginning May 19.

THE Union Meetings, of Elkhart County, Ind., held quarterly, are having a very good influence. Songs, prayers, Bible reading and study, reports of work done by the various church societies, together with short addresses, usually make up the program for these meetings.

IT seems that the *Gospel Messenger* has the same trouble with some of its contributors as other papers have. Here is an extract from a letter recently received by the editor of that paper: "You may discontinue my paper for one year, as an article of mine, for publication found its way into the waste-basket, and my rule is, for every article I send for publication, that finds room in the waste-basket, you may discontinue the paper for one year." The man who would rather miss all the articles, church news, and other matter of interest that appear in a church paper, in the space of one year, than have one of his articles go to the waste-basket, must have a very high regard for his ability as a writer.

THE following items are taken from the *Johnstown Theocrat*:

Rev. R. E. Darling, the Brethren minister of Ashland College, O., will preach in the Seventeenth Ward, to-morrow, at 3:30 and 7:30 P. M., and will hold special gospel meetings next week.

The interior of the Progressive Brethren church on Second Street has been remodeled and presents a very inviting appearance. The walls have been repapered, and the ceiling has been repapered and decorated, while the wainscoting and the furniture has been revarnished, and the organ loft enlarged and newly carpeted. A baptistry has also been added. The money for the above improvements was provided by the Ladies' Aid Society.